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GOOD PROGRESS ON THE CANAL

HALF THE WORK THE UNITED
STATES UNDERTOOK HAS
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FEARS REGARDING JAMAICA.

THE PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM
HIS GREAT TOUR AND GOES
TO HARTFORD.

WASHINGTON, November 11.—The
end of the day's work on the canal
zone October 23 marked the completion
of just half the work which the Ameri-
can administration must do to open the
Panama Canal for ships. This work,
added to that done by the French com-
pletes two-thirds of the canal con-
struction, and the entire zone is in-
formally celebrating this important
mile post in the work.

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bers is:

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The French began to dig in 1882, and
turned the canal over to the Americans
in 1904. They actually worked about
eighteen years, although not over half
that time with a full force. The Ameri-
cans have been at work a few days
less than five years and a half, and
have been working a full force a little
over three years.

FEARS FOR JAMAICA.

COLON, November 11.—There has
been no communication between this
point and Kingston, Jamaica, since
Monday, and there is general alarm
lest that island has been visited by
some severe seismic disturbance. It

is further reported that other islands
in the Caribbean have been cut off
from communication. It is feared
that the disturbance has been wide-
spread.

THE PRESIDENT RETURNS.

WASHINGTON, November 11.—
President Taft arrived here yesterday
from his great tour, in the course of
which he has made two hundred and
sixty-six speeches and taken part in
numerous receptions and ceremonies.
He leaves the capital again tomorrow,
going to Hartford until Sunday.

The President states that he will
make no announcements of appoint-
ments to diplomatic posts until after
the New York.

LOS ANGELES MAYORALTY.

LOS ANGELES, November 11.—As
a result of the primary elections yes-
terday, Mayor Alexander, the incum-
ment, and George Smith were chosen
as the candidates to contest the elec-
tion for mayor of that city. The ballot-
ing results and the manner of holding
the primaries under the new law are
declared satisfactory.

RETRIAL ASKED.

WASHINGTON, November 11.—A
petition has been filed with the Su-
preme Court, asking that body to re-
vow the trial of Charles M. Morse, the
ice king, who, a month ago, was sen-
tenced to serve a term of fifteen years
in prison for embezzlement.

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MAX SCHLEMMER LOSES LAYSAN

Max Schlemmer has lost his lease
of Laysan Island granted to him by
the Territorial government. Secre-
tary Ballinger has vetoed the contract,
according to the following Washing-
ton cablegram to the Advertiser:
"Ballinger has canceled Max Schlem-
mer's guano lease, holding that the
Territory had no authority to lease the
island of Laysan."

This dictum of the Secretary of the
Interior is in conformity with the pro-
clamation of President Taft early this
year, creating a bird reserve out of
the small islands lying westward of
Hawaii. When the Government of
Hawaii granted the lease to Schlem-
mer news of this proclamation had
not reached Honolulu. It happened
that the proclamation antedated the
lease eight days.

The Federal Government was moved
to act by reason of the bird poaching
of Japanese, who not only killed birds
for their wings, skins and plumage,
but slaughtered thousands in wanton
destructiveness—it is believed through
the mutual jealousy of rival bands of
marauders, trying to destroy each
other's source of profit.

Within a few days past the light-
house tender Kikui stationed here has
been detailed in lieu of a revenue cut-
ter to proceed to the western islands
and suppress the poaching.

As the Washington despatch gives
the reason for cancellation of Schlem-
mer's lease as being lack of authority
of the local government to grant it,
there may be a possibility that prop-
er representations would induce the
Federal authorities to allow him the
privilege of working the Laysan guano
deposits. Besides its being a useful
enterprise, the working force might
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